

Chapter 47

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Spring Green 5-25-1988 (§ 2.09 of the Village Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 47-1. Definition, policy and purpose.

- A. "Emergency management"¹ shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action or by fire, flood and other natural causes.²
- B. By reason of the increasing possibilities of disasters of unprecedented destructiveness and to ensure that preparation will be adequate to cope with disasters and to provide for the common defense, to protect the public peace, and to preserve the lives and property of the people, it is hereby declared necessary to:
- (1) Establish a local emergency management department.
 - (2) Provide for the exercise of necessary powers during emergencies.
 - (3) Provide for the rendering of cooperation and mutual aid between the Village and other political subdivisions.
- C. It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the policy of the Village that all emergency management functions of the Village be coordinated to the maximum extent applicable with the existing services and facilities of this Village and with the comparable functions of the federal, state and county governments and other political subdivisions and the various private agencies to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of manpower, resources and facilities for dealing with any disasters that occur.

§ 47-2. Emergency Management Commission.

- A. Membership. The Emergency Management Commission shall consist of the Village President, the Emergency Management Director, one member of the Police Department, to be named by the Village President, one member of the Fire Department, to be named by the Village President, and three citizens appointed by the Village President. The Village President shall serve as Chairman of the Commission and the Emergency Management Director shall serve as Secretary. Appointments for one-year terms shall be made by the Village President at the annual organizational meeting, subject to confirmation by the

1. Editor's Note: Throughout this chapter, the term "emergency government" was amended to "emergency management" at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

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- B. Powers and duties. The Emergency Management Commission shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the Village President, the Director and the Village Board in all matters pertaining to emergency management.

§ 47-3. Emergency Management Director.

- A. Appointment. The Emergency Management Director shall be appointed by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board. Deputy and Assistant Directors may be appointed by the Director subject to the approval of the Emergency Management Commission as may be necessary.
- B. Powers and duties.
 - (1) The Director shall be the executive head of the Emergency Management Department and shall be directly responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Emergency Management Department, subject to the direction and control of the Village President. He shall coordinate all activities for emergency management within the Village and shall maintain liaison and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations and other political subdivisions and other state and federal governments and shall participate in county and state emergency management activities upon request and shall have such additional authority, duties and responsibilities as are authorized by this chapter and which may from time to time be required by the Village President.
 - (2) In accordance with the state plan format and the county ordinance of compliance, the Director shall prepare a comprehensive general plan for emergency management of the Village and shall present such plan to the Village Board for its approval. When the Village Board has approved the plan by resolution, it shall be the duty of all municipal agencies and all emergency management forces of the Village to perform the duties and functions assigned by said plan as approved. The plan may be modified in like manner.

§ 47-4. Utilization of existing services and facilities.

In preparing and executing the Emergency Management Plan, the Director shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the Village to the maximum extent practicable. The officers and personnel of all such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Director.

§ 47-5. Emergency regulations.

Whenever necessary to meet an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President or, in the absence of the President, the Emergency Management Director may proclaim, promulgate and enforce such orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons, traffic and the use of property, public or private, as shall be necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety and preserve lives and property

and to ensure the cooperation necessary in emergency management activities. Such proclamation shall be posted in three public places and may be rescinded by the Village President at any time.

§ 47-6. Mutual aid agreements. ³

The Director may, subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions. A copy of such agreements shall be filed with the Administrator of the Division of Emergency Management.

§ 47-7. Declaration of emergency.

Upon the declaration by the Governor, by the Village President or by the Emergency Management Director, in the absence of the Village President, or by the Village Board of a state of emergency, the Director shall issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and shall issue such disaster warnings or alerts as shall be required in the emergency plan. The Emergency Management Department shall take action in accordance with the emergency management plan upon the declaration of an emergency and the issuance of the official disaster warnings. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, provided that any such declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated at the discretion of the Village President.

§ 47-8. Violations and penalties. ⁴

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Emergency Management Department in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this chapter or to do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter, and upon conviction therefor such person shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$100 or, in default of payment of the forfeiture, imprisonment for up to six months, pursuant to § 166.23(2), Wis. Stats.

3. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

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